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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for extending all courtesies during the telephonic interview of May 21, 2009.

In the final Official Action of April 27, 2009, the Examiner rejected amended independent Claim 18 over Ogino et al. in view of Flick '571, Flick '460, and Allen et al. and rejected independent Claims 30 and 57 over Anzai et al. in view of Flick '460, Flick '571, and Allen et al. Applicant has amended independent Claims 18, 30, and 57 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art. Also, Applicant has amended dependent Claims 19, 32, and 59 for consistency.

Applicant has amended each independent claim to recite the vehicle alarm indicator comprising at least one original equipment icon. As correctly recognized by the Examiner during the telephonic interview, none of the prior art references discloses or fairly suggests the above noted amended claim recitation. During the telephonic interview, the Examiner also invited Applicant to submit arguments supporting the "criticality" of such a claim feature.

Applicant submits that the claimed original equipment icon vehicle alarm indicator permits the claimed invention to be readily installed into the vehicle without the extra step of installing an aftermarket vehicle alarm indicator. Applicant submits that this claim feature reduces cost of installation of the claimed invention and provides for

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a "cleaner" install, i.e. the factory interior trim of the vehicle is not modified to accomplish the install of the system. Advantageously, the claimed vehicle control system communicates with the original equipment icon using the data communications bus of the vehicle, thereby further reducing the wiring used to install the claimed vehicle control system.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 18, 30, and 57 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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